NZ Slavonic Journal and Jean Monnet Project E-YOUTH Virtual Symposium
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25 and 26 May, 2020
7pm-10pm NZ time // 8am-11am UK time // 10am-1pm Ukraine and Baltic time
NB: timing on the programme is in NZ time zone

Symposium is run from University of Canterbury, New Zealand. Organisers:
Prof Natalia Chaban (Jean Monnet Chair, Media and Communications, UC, NZ, leader of E-YOUTH)
Prof Henrietta Mondry (Head of Russian Programme, GCLS, UC, NZ, editor-in-chief of NZSJ)
Associate Prof Evgeny Pavlov (Head of Global, Cultural and Language Studies, editor-in-chief of NZSJ)

Day 1: Monday, May 25
Zoom link: https://canterbury.zoom.us/j/91464325256

Time	Paper
7pm-7:10pm	**Greetings from the editors and overview of the publishing plans.** Natalia Chaban, Henrietta Mondry, Evgeny Pavlov
7:10-7:35	**The Strategic Negotiation of Ontological Security: A New Framework to Examine Narratives of the Future Self** Pauline Heinrichs, UK
7:35-8:00	**What is the story about? Telling about Russia in Ukraine-related news articles in Latvian digital media** Vineta Kleinberga and Elizabete Vizgunova, Latvia
8:00-8:10	break
8:10-8:35	Portraying Russia on Lithuanian Internet Media. The supply and demand side Gintaras Sumskas, Lithuania
8:35-9:00	**On effectiveness of Russia's public diplomacy in Estonia** Vlad Vernygora and Elizaveta Belonosova, Estonia
9:00-9:10	Break
9:10-9:35	**Ukrainian work migrants in Estonia: Russian media narratives** Alexander Malkov, NZ
9:35-10:00	Q&A to all papers

Day 2: Tuesday, May 26
Zoom link: https://canterbury.zoom.us/j/93321547530

Time	Paper
7:00-7:35	**Do attitudes towards Russia matter in the course of Europeanisation? Analysing the perceptions of youth in post-Maidan Ukraine** Iana Sabatovych, UK
7:35-8:00	**Visual and Emotive in IR political communication: Russian e-news coverage of no-visa entry into Schengen zone for Ukraine** Natalia Chaban, Svitlana Zhabotynska, Anatolij Chaban, NZ/Ukraine
8:00-8:10	**Break**
8:10-8:35	**Last/Lost Stronghold: Crimea in Russian and Ukrainian Poetry of the mid-20th and early 21st Centuries** Diana Averina-Lugova, NZ
8:35-9:00	**Russian narratives on Self and changing "near abroad" (tbc)** Henrietta Mondry and Evgeny Pavlov, NZ
9:00-9:30	**Q&A to all papers.** **Next steps** Editorial Team: Natalia, Henrietta, Evgeny

Participants

Editors:

Natalia Chaban is Professor and Jean Monnet Chair at the Department of Media and Communication at University of Canterbury, NZ. She is the President of Ukrainian Studies Association of Australia and NZ, co-editor of the *Australian and New Zealand Journal of European Studies* (since its inception in 2009) and leader of several transnational research projects supported by the European Commission. Natalia focuses her interdisciplinary research on cognitive and semiotic aspects of political and media discourses, image and perceptions studies within the EU and IR contexts, and public diplomacy and political communication. Natalia widely publishes including articles in high impact journals such as the *Journal of Common Market Studies, Journal of European Integration, Cooperation and Conflict, Foreign Policy Analysis, Mobilities, Comparative European Politics*. Most recently, she co-edited Special Issue of *European Security* "Understanding the scope and limits of EU diplomacy - Connecting strategic narrative to EU external perceptions research" (with A. Miskimmon and B. O'Loughlin, 2019) and *Changing perceptions of the EU at times of Brexit: Global Perspectives* (with A. Niemann and J. Spreyer, Routledge, forthcoming July 2020).

Henrietta Mondry is Professor of literature and Russian Programme coordinator at the University of Canterbury. She holds a PhD degree from the University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg. She has received over 30 international research Fellowships. Her main research interests are in the topics of literature, society and ideology from the nineteenth-century to the present. She has published widely on topics of ethnic and gendered alterity, embodied differences, politics of the material-semiotic interface in the construct of the Other in literature and essayistic writing.

Evgeny Pavlov is Associate Professor in Russian and History and Head of Department of Global, Cultural and Language Studies at the University of Canterbury in Christchurch, New Zealand. He holds a doctorate in Comparative Literature from Princeton University. He is the author of *Shok pamiati: avtobiograficheskaia poetika Val'tera Ben'amina i Osipa Mandel'shtama* [*The Shock of Memory: Autobiographical Poetics of Walter Benjamin and Osip Mandelstam*] (Moscow: NLO, 2005), co-editor of a number of edited volumes and special journal issues, and author of numerous articles articles on Russian literary and cultural studies. He is general co-editor of the *New Zealand Slavonic Journal*. He is currently preparing for publication a book-length monograph *Colliding Time Machines: Time Travel in Late Russian Modernism, 1928-1940.* The project focuses on the concept of time in late Russian modernism.

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Pauline Heinrichs is a final-year PhD student at Royal Holloway, University of London. Her thesis focuses on the strategic negotiation of ontological security and state identity through crisis events. She recently completed a role as a narrative analyst on the Jean Monnet project Conflict, Crisis and Critical Diplomacy (C3EU) and works as a narrative analyst on the E-Youth project. Pauline was selected as an emerging scholar at the Milton Wolf Seminar on Public Diplomacy. Pauline holds an undergraduate degree from Royal Holloway and a Master's degree from Sciences Po, Paris.

Vineta Kleinberga is a Researcher and Lecturer at the Faculty of European Studies at Rīga Stradiņš University, and a Researcher at the Latvian Institute of International Affairs. Her research interests focus on EU integration, and the dynamics between policy formation, political communication and societal perceptions. Currently she is involved in research on narrative formation, projection and perceptions with regard to Ukraine, and elaborate research on climate change and migration narratives. Vineta has ten years long job experience at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Latvia, and has worked for anti-corruption organisation Transparency International - Latvia.

Elizabete Vizgunova is a PhD student at Riga Stradiņš University, in the field of political science. Elizabete's interests are linked to critical feminist security studies and gender in international security, with a particular focus on Ukraine. The topic of her PhD project "Gendered security discourse in Easter Ukraine". She is also an Associate Researcher at the Latvian Institute of International Affairs, where she previously published the "Ukraine-Latvia Foreign Policy Audit" in cooperation with the New Europe Center and has been a co-coordinator of the project "Youth Opinion and Opportunities for EU Public Diplomacy: Youth Narratives and Perceptions of the EU and EU-Ukraine Relations in Ukraine and the three Baltic States" (E-YOUTH). Elizabete also specialized in European Neighborhood studies during her post-graduate degree in the College of Europe, where she wrote her thesis on the role of EUBAM in promoting democratic governance in Ukraine's and Moldova's border and customs services.

Gintaras Šumskas is a Research Director at Vilnius Institute for Political Analysis and an assistant professor at Vytautas Magnus University, Kaunas. Gintaras has an experience is both academic and applied research and has an extensive expertise in research methods. Scientist specializes in the fields of voting behaviour, political communication, political elite studies and European studies.

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Alexander Malkov is a PhD candidate at the National Centre for Research on Europe, University of Canterbury. Back in 2005, Alexander was awarded the qualification of Physical Training Teacher. Dramatically switching the academic field, he graduated Cum Laude from Tallinn University of Technology in 2015, obtained MA degree in International Relations and European-Asian Studies. His current research analyses the impact that Russia's bilateral inclinations towards the V4 countries may have on the EU's cohesion. His research interests include: international relations theory, EU-Russia and in particular Russia-CEEC relations, foreign policy decision-making, cooperation between Europe and Asia.

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Iana Sabatovych holds a PhD degree from the National Centre for Research on Europe, University of Canterbury (Christchurch, New Zealand). She accomplished her BA and MA degrees on the basis of the Economy and Law Department at the Mariupol State University (Mariupol, Ukraine). Her prior research focused on Ukraine's association with the EU, regional integration and globalisation. Her PhD thesis investigated the patterns of Ukraine's post-communist transition with an emphasis on Europeanisation beyond Europe in the absence of EU membership prospect. Iana has also participated in several international research projects, such as "Crisis, Conflict and Critical Diplomacy: EU Perceptions in Ukraine and Israel/Palestine" (C3EU) (sponsored by Erasmus+ in 2015-2018) and ongoing "Youth Opinion and Opportunities for EU Public Diplomacy: Youth Narratives and Perceptions of the EU and EU-Ukraine Relations in Ukraine and the three Baltic States" (E-YOUTH) focusing on EU external perceptions. Iana seeks to expand her research interests which cover a range of topics (international relations, Russian (Ukrainian) studies, media, public opinion) and are based on a range of methods (correlation-regression analysis, interviews, focus groups, Q methodology, text mining).

Svitlana Zhabotynska is Professor at the Cherkasy National University, Ukraine**.** She holds Doctor of Linguistics (Habilitation) degree since 1993. Since 1990, she has been doing research in the field of cognitive linguistics that studies the nature of interaction between language and the mind. As a Senior Fulbright Scholar, she stayed with the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (1995), and the University of California at San Diego (2000-2001) focusing her research on linguistic pragmatics, cognitive linguistics, and neurolinguistics. She is the author of Semantics of Lingual Networks, a conception that develops methodology for construal of linguistic and-non-linguistic information. Her 150 scholarly publications in the field of cognitive linguistics and cognitive science focus on the conceptual foundations of various linguistic phenomena (part-of-speech systems, derivational morphology, lexical meaning, lexical fields, syntax, text and discourse organization), and their application in the language classroom. Of late, the spheres of her particular interest have been political linguistics (the use of language as weapons in the information war), and neurological foundations of language acquisition and bilingualism.

Anatolij Chaban is Professor at the Cherkasy National University, Ukraine, and current member of the Ukrainian Academy of Historical Sciences**.** He holds Doctor of History (Habilitation) degree since 1996. His research interest include Europeanisation of Ukraine, international relations, history of Ukraine, geopolitical aspects of regional history and historical regional studies. One of his main scholarly foci is the studies of the place and role of the Middle-Flow Dnipro Region in the history of Ukraine's statehood as one of the centers in the formation of Ukrainian ethnic and state identity (including Ukrainian kozakhood). Anatolij initiated and established a nationally and internationally recognised scholarly tradition of the studies of the Middle-Flow Dnipro Region ran from the Cherkasy National University. His 300 publications include six scholarly monographs and twelve textbooks.

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